

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:  
receiving a request from a component to adjust an operational parameter of the component; and  
sending a response to the component at a proper time to cause the component to adjust the operational parameter, at least partially, during a particular time period in which a first display is experiencing a vertical blank period and a second display ~~are both experiencing a blank period~~ is experiencing a horizontal blank period.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the component comprises a central processing unit (CPU), and wherein the operational parameter is an operating clock frequency of the CPU.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the proper time is a time during which the first display is experiencing ~~a first~~ the vertical blank period and the second display is beginning to experience ~~a second~~ the horizontal blank period.
- 4-5. Canceled.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the proper time is a time during which the first display is experiencing ~~a first~~ the vertical blank period and the second display is about to begin experiencing ~~a second~~ the horizontal blank period.
- 7-8. Canceled.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the proper time is a time during which the first display is experiencing ~~a first~~ the vertical blank period and the second display is experiencing ~~a second~~ the horizontal blank period.

10-11. Canceled.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein sending comprises: determining whether the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period; and

in response to a determination that the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period, sending the response to the component when the second display begins to experience a the horizontal blank period.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein sending comprises: determining whether the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period; and

in response to a determination that the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period, sending the response to the component when the second display is about to begin experiencing a the horizontal blank period.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein sending comprises: determining whether the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period; and

in response to a determination that the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period, sending the response to the component while the second display is experiencing a the horizontal blank period.

15-17. Canceled.

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a mechanism for receiving a request from a component to adjust an operational parameter of the component; and

a mechanism for sending a response to the component at a proper time to cause the component to adjust the operational parameter, at least partially, during a particular time period in which a first display is experiencing a vertical blank period and a second display ~~are both experiencing a blank period~~ is experiencing a horizontal blank period.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the component comprises a central processing unit (CPU), and wherein the operational parameter is an operating clock frequency of the CPU.

20. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the proper time is a time during which the first display is experiencing ~~a first~~ the vertical blank period and the second display is beginning to experience ~~a second~~ the horizontal blank period.

21-22. Canceled.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the proper time is a time during which the first display is experiencing ~~a first~~ the vertical blank period and the second display is about to begin experiencing ~~a second~~ the horizontal blank period.

24-25. Canceled.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the proper time is a time during which the first display is experiencing ~~a first~~ the vertical blank period and the second display is experiencing ~~a second~~ the horizontal blank period.

27-28. Canceled.

29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the mechanism for sending comprises:

a mechanism for determining whether the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period; and

a mechanism for sending, in response to a determination that the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period, the response to the component when the second display begins to experience a the horizontal blank period.

30. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the mechanism for sending comprises:

a mechanism for determining whether the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period; and

a mechanism for sending, in response to a determination that the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period, the response to the component when the second display is about to begin experiencing a the horizontal blank period.

31. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the mechanism for sending comprises:

a mechanism for determining whether the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period; and

a mechanism for sending, in response to a determination that the first display is currently experiencing a the vertical blank period, the response to the component while the second display is experiencing a the horizontal blank period.

32-34. Canceled.

35. (Original) A method, comprising:

receiving a first request from a component to adjust an operational parameter of the component;

sending a first response to the component at a first proper time to cause the component to adjust the operational parameter, at least partially, during a time period in which a first display is experiencing a vertical blank period and a second display is experiencing a first horizontal blank period;

receiving a second request from the component to adjust the operational parameter, wherein the second request is received while the first display is still experiencing the vertical blank period; and

sending a second response to the component at a second proper time to cause the component to adjust the operational parameter, at least partially, during a time period in which the first display is experiencing the vertical blank period and the second display is experiencing a second horizontal blank period;

wherein it is ensured that the first and the second horizontal blank periods are non-consecutive horizontal blank periods.

36. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:

a mechanism for receiving a first request from a component to adjust an operational parameter of the component;

a mechanism for sending a first response to the component at a first proper time to cause the component to adjust the operational parameter, at least partially, during a time period in which a first display is experiencing a vertical blank period and a second display is experiencing a first horizontal blank period;

a mechanism for receiving a second request from the component to adjust the operational parameter, wherein the second request is received while the first display is still experiencing the vertical blank period; and

sending a second response to the component at a second proper time to cause the component to adjust the operational parameter, at least partially, during a time period in which the first display is experiencing the vertical blank period and the second display is experiencing a second horizontal blank period;

wherein it is ensured that the first and the second horizontal blank periods are non-consecutive horizontal blank periods.

37. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a request from a component to adjust an operational parameter of the component; and

sending a response to the component at a proper time to cause the component to adjust the operational parameter, at least partially, during a particular time period in which N displays are all concurrently experiencing a blank period, where N is an integer having a value of 2 or greater, and wherein at least one of the displays is experiencing a vertical blank period and another of the displays is experiencing a horizontal blank period.

38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a mechanism for receiving a request from a component to adjust an operational parameter of the component; and

a mechanism for sending a response to the component at a proper time to cause the component to adjust the operational parameter, at least partially, during a particular time period in which N displays are all concurrently experiencing a blank period, where N is an integer having a value of 2 or greater, and wherein at least one of the displays is experiencing a vertical blank period and another of the displays is experiencing a horizontal blank period.